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Dear Senator O'Neil,

I read with interest your bill making it a crime for the "unauthorized practice of law". As I understand it, at the present time a person can be charged with the "unauthorized practice of law" and be subject to certain agency, association or administrative penalties without the benefit of a jury trial. Having practiced law and particularly "criminal law" for a period of my life, it is my firm belief that persons charged with acts that violate government rules should be entitled to complete due process. Due process would necessarily include all the protections that the "bill of rights" guarantees. I would think that the legal system itself would be very outspoken in supporting these constitutional guarantees in all areas. Alas, it does not. Since the legal system is not fulfilling its responsibility, it would be appropriate that the peoples' representatives take the right and proper action to do so. May you and the committee be successful in this endeavor.

Kindest regards,

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